

REMARKS

This response places the above-referenced patent application in better condition for allowance, and therefore, is a proper response after Final pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Independent claims 5 and 40 are amended. Claims 54 and 58 are canceled. New claims 60-63 are added.

Claims 5-9, and 40-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cooper et al. (US 5,604,159).

Dependent claims 54-59 are objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 5 is amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 54, and therefore, as amended, claim 5 is allowable.

Claims 6-9 and 55-56 depend from allowable independent claim 5, and therefore, claims 6-9 and 55-56 are allowable.

Independent claim 40 is amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 58, and therefore, as amended, claim 40 is allowable.

Claims 41-53, 57 and 59 depend from allowable independent claim 40, and therefore, claims 41-53, 57 and 59 are allowable.

New independent claim 60 includes the limitations of independent claim 5, before the present amendment, and the limitations of allowable dependent claim 55. Accordingly, new claim 60 is allowable.

New independent claim 61 includes the limitations of independent claim 5, before the present amendment; the limitations of intervening claim 6; and the limitations of allowable dependent claim 56. Accordingly, new claim 61 is allowable.


New independent claim 62 includes the limitations of independent claim 40, before the present amendment, and the limitations of allowable dependent claim 57. Accordingly, new claim 62 is allowable.

New independent claim 63 includes the limitations of independent claim 40, before the present amendment; the limitations of intervening claim 42; and the limitations of allowable dependent claim 59. Accordingly, new claim 63 is allowable.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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